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1. MFA CHIEF OF LEGAL AND TREATY AFFAIRS DIVISION MUSTAPHA GHARBI RESPONDED JUNE 8 TO EMBASSY AIDE MEMOIRE ON MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH. GHARBI SAID THAT FOR MOROCCO PROBLEM OF "PURE" MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH WAS NOT REALLY A "DRAMATIC" ONE. IN GENERAL, HE SAID, THE LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES WERE MUCH MORE ADAMANT THAN THE AFRICAN COUNTRIES. FOR MOROCCO, QUESTION WAS LINKED TO THE PROBLEM OF THE STATUS OF THE ECONOMIC ZONE. ONCE AGREEMENT REACHED ON THE STATUS OF THAT ZONE, MOROCCO SAW NO PROBLEM IN REGULATING THE QUESTION OF RESEARCH. HE REMINDED EMBOFF THAT MOROCCO'S POSITION ON THE ECONOMIC ZONE WAS THAT IT WAS NOT HIGH SEAS, AS THE U.S. MAINTAINED.

2. GHARBI NOTED THE U.S. POSITION THAT THE PRESENT RSNT AS RELATED TO MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IS NOT SATISFACTORY TO THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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U.S. MOROCCO WAS SATISFIED WITH THE TEXT AS IT STOOD.

3. GHARBI DREW DISTINCTION BETWEEN CATEGORIES OF RESEARCH. "PURE" RESEARCH WAS SOMETHING FROM WHICH EVERYONE BENEFITTED, AND MOROCCO RECOGNIZED THAT IT WAS IN ITS INTEREST TO FACILITATE SUCH RESEARCH. HOWEVER, MARINE RESEARCH RELATING TO ARCHEOLOGY OR RESOURCES HAD ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS POSING DIFFERENT

PROBLEMS. MOROCCO WAS AWARE THAT ITS WATERS WERE PARTICULARLY INTERESTING IN THE DOMAIN OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH. IT WOULD BE READY TO CONCLUDE A SPECIAL AGREEMENT WITH THE U.S. ON MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IF THE USG SO WISHED. HE WOULD MAKE THIS PROPOSAL TO OUR LOS DELEGATION IN NEW YORK.

4. IN THE CONTEXT OF THE NEW YORK TALKS, MOROCCO HOPED TO BE ABLE TO BRING BOTH THE LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES ON THE ONE HAND AND THE U.S. ON THE OTHER SOMEWHERE TOWARD THE MIDDLE OF THE ROAD ON THE ECONOMIC ZONE QUESTION. HE FELT THAT THE SOLUTION MIGHT LIE IN REDEFINING THE TERMS PRESENTLY BEING USED, AND HE WONDERED WHETHER CALLING THE ECONOMIC ZONE A "ZONE OF NATIONAL INTEREST" RATHER THAN "ZONE OF NATIONAL JURISDICTION" MIGHT NOT BRIDGE THE GAP. HE NOTED THAT THE WORD "JURISDICTION" HAD A DIFFERENT LEGAL MEANING IN FRENCH THAN IN ENGLISH, SUGGESTING THAT A STUDY OF THAT DISTINCTION MIGHT NOT FIND OUR RESPECTIVE POSITIONS FAR APART.
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